

Fireside upgrade complete

By Sarah Lake
Life & Style Editor

The Guerrieri University Center hosted its grand re-opening and open house for the newly refurbished Fireside Lounge last Thursday from Noon to 8 p.m.

"It feels really good to see all of the work that has gone into this project – from the research and road trips to the endless meetings with the students – finally pay off and see the project come to a close," said Director of the University Center and New Student Experience, Lawanda Dockins-Gordy.

Students lined up outside of the Lounge and in the Gulls Nest waiting for the curtain to drop. "We've had a fabulous turn out today. I was in awe," said Dockins-Gordy. "The Lounge was full and that's what we wanted. That says to me, mission accomplished."

The general consensus amongst SU students attending the re-opening was that the new Lounge is "awesome."

For the past 18 months, Dockins-Gordy has been working closely with a student advisory team. Arrington Bingham, Ashleigh Davis, Ergun Kanaz, Johnika Nixon, Megan Saia and Peter Palmasano were given the opportunity to be the student voice in the Fireside Lounge project. "We had the most dedicated group of students working on this project," said Dockins-Gordy. "They have been involved with everything from furniture selections to colors to fabrics to furniture styles – what have you."

"I'm very happy with the way things have come about," said Davis. "Before, this place wasn't really student-oriented or student-friendly. Now, it's a little more up-to-date and modern. I'm just hoping that people will come out to this spot and make use of it more often."

"I just believe now that kids have



Steve Wackett photo

The reveal of the re-vamped Fireside Lounge was well-worth the wait as it is now equipped with all new furniture, plasma TVs, a foosball table, large murals, a Nintendo Wii, Playstation 3 and an Xbox 360.

a reason to come back to campus," said Palmasano. "Before, they would just come here to sleep. Now, they can come here to hang out, watch movies, play videos games, etc."

Amongst the additions to the Fireside Lounge are: a 55" plasma television, numerous hanging TV's, an additional pool table, a new ping pong table, all new furniture including a large half circle of leather couches surrounding the plasma TV, a foosball table and large murals with pictures of SU students. A Nintendo Wii, a Playstation 3 and an Xbox 360 are available for rent with a Gull Card

and a driver's license at the GUC Information Desk. There is a two hour limit for gaming systems. Also available for rent are numerous board games.

The carpeted area of the Lounge is designed for group meetings and personal study time. The hard wood floor area is the "Television and Hang-Out Area."

"I think we've given the students what they've asked for," said Dockins-Gordy. "Were hoping that this really turns into a place or venue for students to come together and hang out and work collaboratively and just enjoy."

When asked if she has anymore

Games available to rent at the Info Desk

■ **Xbox Games:** Madden NFL 07, NBA 07 Live, FIFA Soccer 07, NCAA Football 07, Need For Speed Carbon, Tony Hawk Project 8

■ **Wii Games:** Madden NFL 07, Need for Speed Carbon, Legend of Zelda: The Twilight Princess, Mario, GT Pro Series, Tony Hawk: Down Hill Jam

■ **Playstation Games:** Fight Night: Round 3, Madden NFL 07, Ridge Racer 7, MLB 07: The Show, Fall Into 2: Battle lines, NHL 2K7

■ **Board Games:** Battle of Sexes, Checkers, Chinese Checkers, Clue, Cranium, Life, Monopoly, Pictionary, Poker Playing Cards, Twister, Uno

projects planned for the updating of the GUC, Dockins-Gordy said. "I've got a few things up my sleeve." To see pictures of the new

Lounge and to view a schedule of up-coming events, visit the GUC Web site at www.salisbury.edu/GUC.

Senator Cardin lectures on global warming

By Justin Ritter
Editorials Editor

As apart of this year's Paul S. Sarbanes Lecturer series, U.S. Senator Ben Cardin spoke on global warming in front of student, faculty, and community members in Holloway Hall last Thursday.

Sen. Cardin specifically focused on the impact of global warming for the state of Maryland. Poster sized geographical maps distinguished the depreciating water levels at a Maryland State Park. In 30 years the water levels at the Park has depleted by one-third. Another map indicated in red the critical points in Maryland which may be affected by global warming. Much of the critical points in red were covered over the Eastern Shore, especially Ocean City.

Sen. Cardin noted that Maryland is the third most vulnerable state in the US to the potential effects of global warming.

"Maryland is growing twice as fast as the national average," said Sen. Cardin. "Marshes are disappearing."

The Chesapeake Bay's ecosystem has been partially damaged due to the increase of global temperatures. "There has been a 25 percent loss in underwater grasses [in the Chesapeake Bay] in one year. The Chesapeake Bay is getting too hot."

"We need to save energy," said Sen. Cardin. "We need to pass legislation now." By 2050, the Senator wants to reduce car emissions by 80 percent.

To achieve this goal, the Senator discussed alternative fuels such as ethanol, clean burning coal, and bio-diesel.

Sen. Cardin applauded the SU administration for planning the new Perdue business school to use energy efficient and environmentally friendly technology.

"This is a problem for today, not tomorrow," said Sen. Cardin. "We need to become energy independent. Every time you fill your pumps you are paying governments that do not support US policies."

Sen. Cardin stated he believed America could become energy independent in 10 years, as apart of a bipartisan effort. He also said that the US should be a part of the international Kyoto Treaty.

"The debate is over, it's time for action," Sen. Cardin concluded.

Senator Benjamin L. Cardin was elected to succeed Paul Sarbanes in the U.S. Senate in 2006. He serves on the Foreign Relations, Judiciary, Environment and Public Works, and Budget and Small Business Committees.

Member of 'Little Rock Nine' speaks at SU

By Callie White
Staff Writer

Dr. Terrance Roberts, member of the 'Little Rock Nine,' spoke at Salisbury University this past Tuesday on racism then and now and what life was like going to a newly desegregated school.

This speech marked the 20th anniversary of the Riall Lecture Series. "We build on history," began Dr. Laura Marasco, assistant professor in the English Department, as she introduced Dr. Roberts.

When Roberts was little he thought that segregation was just how things were and he had no choice in the matter. However, at the age of 13 he decided that he could no longer obey these rules of segregation.

In 1957 Roberts had the opportunity to join the newly desegregated Central High School. He eagerly volunteered out the 150 students chosen from his then all black high

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Terrance Roberts
Member of the Little Rock Nine

school.

A lot of the parents were reluctant to let their children enroll in the predominantly white school. One father even pulled his daughter out the day before because his boss threatened to fire him. However, Roberts's parents were fully supportive of his choice to volunteer. They saw it as a window of opportunity both for their son and their race. Prior to attending Central High School, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke to the volunteers about the virtues of nonviolence, and all nine students agreed.

"Whatever you can imagine a

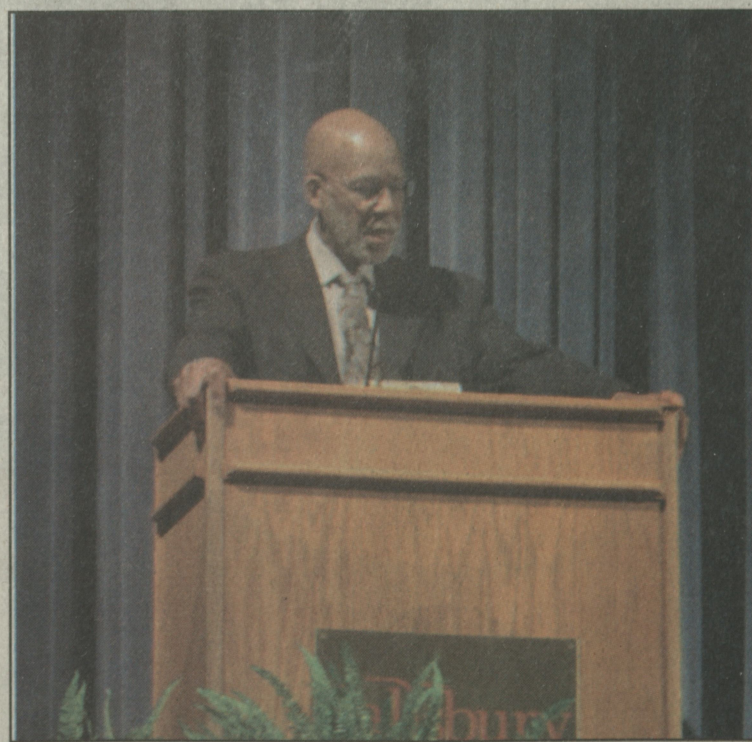
human being doing to another, it was done to us. But we never fought back," said Roberts.

Roberts later stated that he will never forget the "twisted" faces of the angry people trying to keep them out of the school.

Several years after the events at Little Rock, Dr. Roberts and the rest of the 'Little Rock Nine' had a chance to meet the antagonists on the Oprah show. Although they all expressed regret for their actions, not a single one of them attempted to contact Roberts or the rest of the group prior to or after the show.

"This country still hasn't confronted racism at its core," said Roberts.

Ultimately, Roberts explained that he hopes the audience would find new ways to challenge the status quo. He ended his speech with an important message. Although history dictates the future, with an awareness of the past and present, we can alter the way people think so we don't repeat our mistakes.



Sarah Wright photo

Dr. Terrance Roberts, member of the Little Rock Nine, addressed the SU community last week on racism.

Story Brief

D.C. holds Cherry Blossom Festival

It's not too late to attend the National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington. The festival is scheduled to run through April 15.

The National Cherry Blossom Festival is a signature event held every spring. People from across the nation come to look at the beautiful pink and white blossoms that the trees show. The festival is organized by the National Cherry Blossom Festival Committee, Inc.

"The plantings of the cherry blossom trees originated as a gift in 1912 from the people of Japan to the United States as a gesture of friendship and goodwill," said the NCBF website.



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News briefs

18TH ANNUAL VARIETY SHOW
Salisbury University will host its 18th annual Variety Show April 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Holloway Hall. Auditions for the show will take place on April 10 and 11 in Holloway Hall; students can sign up for auditions at the Event Services Office. The SU Jazz Band will perform between shows. SU students gets one free ticket with their ID's otherwise tickets are \$5 each. For more information call 410-548-4597.

SALISBURY CHORALE PERFORMANCE

The Salisbury Choral will hold its annual spring concert on Sunday, April 15 at 4:30 in the Wicomico Presbyterian Church on 129 Broad Street. The band will perform two pieces by Maurice Duruflé including Requiem Op. 9 and Quatre Motets Op. 10. "The Latin motets prepare the listener for the chant melodic contours and coloristic harmonies of the Requiem. Duruflé's Mass for the dead is a celebration of life in a reverential setting depicting anticipation, mystery, and hope about the afterlife," said Dr. William Folger, director of choral studies, in a recent press release. A \$5 donation is requested at the door and the public is welcome.

EASTERN SHORE SENIOR GAMES REGISTRATION

The Eastern Shore Senior games, held annually at Salisbury University, are open to men and women age 50 and over in Maryland, Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Virginia, this year's eighth annual Senior Games feature a variety of competitive activities for young-of-mind athletes.

The registration fee is \$30 through Friday, April 13. There is no on-site registration. Competitions are held at the Salisbury University athletic fields and tennis courts. Maggs Gymnasium, Cherokee Lanes and Deer Run Golf Course.

To register or for more information call 410-548-3256 or visit www.salisbury.edu/community/seniorgames.

Acupuncturist explains benefits of Oriental medicine to SU community

By Corey Meissner
Staff Writer

Matthew Young, a licensed acupuncturist with a practice in Salisbury, concluded his two-part lecture series last Wednesday in the Great Hall of Holloway Hall.

"If I can accomplish anything by speaking here today," Young said, "I'd like to nullify some of the foreignness associated with traditional Chinese medicine."

According to Young, Chinese

medicine consists of herbal therapy, acupuncture, dietary therapy, exercise, and lifestyle management.

In China, it is not considered to be "alternative medicine," but is used in hospitals alongside with modern medicine. Young explained that patients who come to his practice usually receive a combination of treatments.

"You may begin with an herbal therapy because we'll want to increase the flow of the blood stream, and then the treatment

would evolve into acupuncture," said Young.

Young told the audience that Chinese medicine is a complete medical system that is capable of treating disease in all its forms. This means that while practitioners treat whatever complaint the patient comes to them with, they concentrate on total body health and preventing disease before it occurs.

"It's more of an adventure than a process of attacking a particular

symptom," Young said. "Symptoms are clues to be followed along the way to help our journey. Patients will come in and describe how the treatments have affected them. Often, we find that we have cured symptoms previously undisclosed to us."

Young said that his version of traditional Oriental medicine has been especially effective in treating migraines.

"There has not walked into our office one headache that we haven't been able to cure," Young said.

Young reported great successes with chronic issues, like headaches, that have already had a Western medicine diagnosis but did not go away. Young said that he has used acupuncture to successfully treat many cases of gastrointestinal distress, to alleviate pain, and to rid people of something he calls the "grey zone," a condition where people are "not quite sick, but not quite healthy."

"After undergoing acupuncture," Young said, "patients report that their feelings of vitality return. People say that there is an energy change, or sometimes a tiredness followed by a great leap in energy."

Young expressed great satisfaction with his work, saying, "It feels good to know that you can make such a minor adjustment and make a big difference to the patient. It becomes like a chess game, where you're trying to figure out your next move. What's the diagnosis, what's the prescription?"

Young concluded his lecture by reminding the audience of the importance of viewing Chinese medicine as something to be done to prevent sickness. "I wish that all patients would come to us to obtain a stable level of harmony and health, rather than waiting for a health crisis," he said.

People interested in obtaining more information about acupuncture and Chinese medicine may visit Young's Web site at www.omedofsalisbury.com.

Crime beat

4/01/07
7:30 PM-7:50 PM
Vandalism

Two students reported hearing glass breaking near a vehicle parked at Fulton Hall. They observed broken glass on the vehicle and two subjects fleeing from the area. Investigation continuing.

4/01/07
7:57 PM
Intoxicated Subjects

University Police responded to Choptank Hall for a disturbance. Officers observed a resident student and non-student guest were intoxicated. Both subjects were transported to PRMC on a Petition for Emergency Evaluation. University Judicial charges pending.

4/02/07
5:50 PM-05:55 PM
Injured Subject
University Police responded to the Commons Building for an injured employee. The employee was transported to PRMC by Salisbury EMS.

04/03/07
10:17 AM
Injured Subject
University Police responded to Henson Hall for an injured student. The student was transported to Salisbury Immediate Care for treatment.

04/04/07
11:29 AM
Injured Subject
University Police responded to the Alumni House for an injured subject. The subject did not require medical treatment.

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Md. National Guard to deploy 1,300 troops

By Laura Emmons
Staff Writer

The Maryland National Guard announced orders Wednesday to deploy about 1,300 soldiers to Iraq. This is the largest number of troops called-up from the state since WWII.

Three units of the 58th Infantry Brigade Combat Team-Pikesville's Headquarters Company, Dundalk's 175th Infantry Regiment and Annapolis' 158th Cavalry Regiment will leave for active duty starting this spring and summer. The units are the last in the state that have not been deployed to Iraq since the war began.

"We knew this was coming," said Capt. Randy Short, a spokesman for the 58th IBCT. "We're one of the few active Army or National Guard brigades that has yet to do a tour in Operation Iraqi Freedom. It's really our turn to get in there and do our part before they send National Guard for the second time."

The Headquarters Company leaves at the end of the month, with the other two units following at the end of May and the beginning of June. The units will report to Fort Dix, New Jersey for processing and training before being sent to unspecified locations in Iraq, where they will be joined by troops from New Mexico and California.

According to Short, the upcoming deployments are not part of the controversial troop surge ordered by

the President in January. Instead, the troops will replace units already serving in the war.

Due to a change in policy announced in January by Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates, the units will be deployed for 12 months rather than the 18 previously required. National Guardsmen will also be deployed as a unit rather than on an individual basis to help streamline training and make deployments for the reserve forces more predictable. At the same time, Guardsmen and reservists may now be called up for service more often.

Since the war began, more than 5,200 members of the Maryland National Guard have been called to active duty. There are about 380 currently serving in Iraq. Once they are joined by the 158th IBCT, about 25 percent of Maryland's Guard force will be overseas.

Experts claim the state's ability to mobilize guardsmen for domestic emergencies, such as natural disasters or terrorist threats, won't be affected by the large deployment. According to Short, the Guard would be able to handle response situations as usual.

"We are deeply indebted to these citizen-soldiers and their families for their sacrifices in the defense of our nation and state," said Maj. Gen. Bruce E. Tuxill during Thursday's announcement. "They are well-trained, well-equipped, well-led, and I have every confidence in their ability to perform their mission."

GLOBAL

April 10, 2007

Fifth-grade sex scandal sheds light on other issues

By Corey Yow
Staff Writer

Are you smarter than a fifth-grader? I hope so, seeing as though five of them have recently been arrested in Louisiana for allegedly having sex in front of their classmates.

Union Parish Sheriff Bob Buckley said around 9 a.m. on March 27, a school assembly had caused a classroom of fifth-graders to be unsupervised for about 15 minutes. During that interval, it was reported, that two female students, ages 11 and 12, started having sex with two male students, ages 12 and 13, with another 11-year-old male student serving as the look-out.

"It's being picked up by children from the internet, from lyrics in

songs, and by what they see in the movies," said Sheriff Buckley. Though pop-culture's influence may be partly at fault, fingers should be pointed toward the school and parents. It is the school's responsibility to properly supervise its students, and more importantly, the parent's role to instill common values and decency in their children. While the time for finger pointing has come and gone, the clock should now be set to re-route America's course dealing with family values and raising wholesome children. Wholesome, not meaning sheltered and over-protected, but respectable and with the capacity to decipher right from wrong.

Buckley told CNN that the community and parents need to demand sex education be added to the school curriculum. "Somebody needs to teach these kids that there's more to sex than the act itself." In 1999, the American Medical Association approved abstinence-plus programs that not only teach students that abstinence is the safest way to avoid pregnancy and disease, but also gives information on how students can stay safe if they decide to engage in sexual activity.

Four students have been charged with obscene behavior so far, and the district attorney has not decided whether to press charges. The school board has yet to decide whether they want to punish the students either. Hopefully this lesson, although a little too mature for most fifth graders, will spark long-overdue conversations around the family table.

Major pet food recall shakes nation

By Rachel Lopez
Staff Writer

They are there to comfort us, to play with us or to cuddle when our two-legged counter parts have let us down.

A mass recall of dog and cat food have been at the top of all pet owners worries. The recall began when millions of containers of dog and cat food sold at major stores all across North America were contaminated. These major stores that contained the contaminated food were Wal-Mart, Safeway, Kroger and other store brands, all recalling approximately 60 million contain-

ers of wet pet food after reports of kidney failure and deaths.

Menu Foods, a major manufacturer based outside of Toronto, makes 17 of the top 20 pet foods in North America. The recall covers "cuts and gravy" style food sold in cans and small foil pouches.

At first, it was said that the possible sickness could have been from new wheat gluten that was made in all the food. Yet the claim was thrown out the window when a spokesperson for the company said, "Wheat gluten is a source of protein."

The kidney failure that has been the result of consumption has

many symptoms: change in urination, vomiting, diarrhea, depression and loss of appetite. Veterinarian and News Correspondent for CBS News, Debby Turner said that the recall will cost the company \$26 million to \$34 million.

"We just think it is wet pet food that is contaminated. If your pet enjoys wet food, try soaking it in chicken broth then they should eat it just fine," she said.

To find out the specific names of the pet foods that have been recalled, just check your local news websites or go to the official FDA webpage.

HISTORY CORNER

TUESDAY
APRIL 10

1970. Paul McCartney announces that The Beatles have broken up.

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 11

1905. Einstein reveals his Theory of Relativity.

THURSDAY
APRIL 12

1861. American Civil War: The war begins with Confederate forces firing on Fort Sumter, in the harbor of Charleston, South Carolina.

FRIDAY
APRIL 13

1970. An oxygen tank aboard the Apollo 13 explodes, putting the crew in deadly peril.

SATURDAY
APRIL 14

1912. The British ocean liner RMS Titanic strikes an iceberg in the North Atlantic on its maiden voyage, plunging beneath the waves and taking more than 1,500 lives at about 2:20 a.m. the following morning.

SUNDAY
APRIL 15

1955. The first McDonald's restaurant opens in Des Plaines, Illinois.

MONDAY
APRIL 16

1963. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. pens his famous Letter from Birmingham Jail while incarcerated for protesting against segregation.

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New changes implemented on LSAT exam

By Hianna Adrian
Staff Writer

The Law School Admissions Council (LSAC), which is the organization that administers the law school entrance exam (LSAT), announced strict security regulations on what test takers can bring into the testing room, how items must be packaged and new deadlines for complaints — effective June 11, 2007.

In addition to these security measures, two new components to the LSAT are launching with the June administration of the exam. The reading comprehension section will include a comparative reading portion and the writing section—which is not currently scored—will have one essay prompt instead of two. The reason behind these changes, explain officials, is that these comparative reading sections will allow measurement of the broad reading comprehension construct in a way that parallels a common task that law students perform—comparing and contrasting texts.

The only items allowed inside the test room will be the test-taker's LSAT Admission Ticket stub; their ID; their wallet and keys; personal hygiene products; #2 or HB lead pencils (but not mechanical pencils); pencil sharpeners; highlighters; erasers; Kleenex; and a snack and a beverage.

All of the above items must be carried in a clear plastic zip lock bag no more than 3.79 liters in size. (The LSAT does not explicitly say that applicants have to bring their own bags to the test center with them, but it is a good idea to play it safe and assume that will be the case.) Conversely, the only items test-takers may have on the desktop during the test are their ID, Kleenex, pencils, erasers, a pencil sharpener, a highlighter and an analog wristwatch.

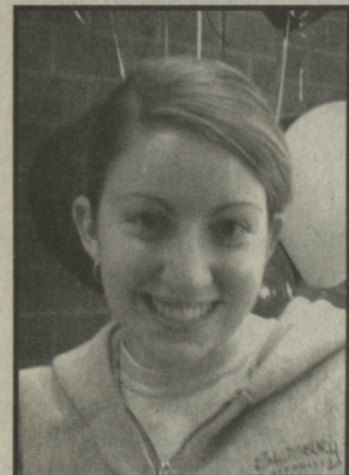
Another significant change to LSAT test procedures is that, beginning in June, test takers have only six days from the test date to register a complaint about their test administration or to request a score cancellation.

LSAT regulating authorities have assured that the changes will not make the test more difficult or alter the skills that the test assesses; neither will they cause dramatic fluctuations in scores. Free sample comparative reading questions will be offered beginning in February.

Moreover, it was recommended that students who need to take the test over the next year do so before the adjustments are introduced because any time there is a change in the exam there is a level of unpredictability.

Overheard:

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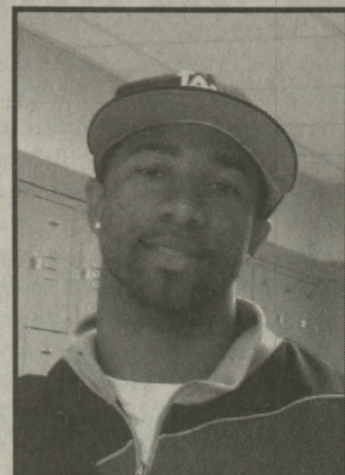
"The Cupcake Club, because I love cupcakes!"

— Natalie Costello, freshman



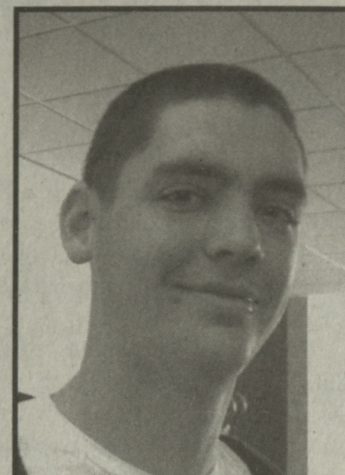
"Brazilian Ju-Jitsu because I love it."

— Ben Bartosh, sophomore



"A hip-hop music club because I know me and everyone I chill with likes hip-hop music."

— Marco Tines, senior



"Skateboarding because I like to skate and there are a lot of people who like hip-hop music."

— Rich Lefebure, sophomore



"A Spanish club because I feel like there's not that many Hispanic or Latino people on this campus."

— Ty DeShields, freshman



"Something to do with dancing because I like to dance."

— Tiffany Reynolds, freshman

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Letter From the Editor

Rosie vs. Trump: Who will win?

By Justin Ritter
Editorial Editor

Has anyone watched the latest fiasco between Rosie O'Donnell and Donald Trump? If you haven't you are missing one excellent show partially mixed with stupidity and arrogance.

O'Donnell has recently bashed Trump for being a "snake oil salesman" in regards to the incident when The Donald forgave Miss USA for excessively parrying several months ago.

She talked about how he went bankrupt, how he inherited his fathers' "unearned" money, and how his comb-over and his business ethics are hideous. These may be typical arguments spoken

Letter To the Editor

Animals have rights in Salisbury too!

One of the most ignored crimes that happens in Salisbury is animal cruelty. On the night of Friday March 31, at University Park, I heard a series of "KER-PLUNK" sounds coming from the lake that is located near my apartment. Following the strange noise were Mallard ducks frantically quacking and flapping away. The cause of the loud noise came from two college students who were picking up, or unidentified heavy objects, and hurling them in the direction of the ducks. At first I thought that it wasn't a problem because they might be throwing rocks in the lake startling the ducks. However, the situation grew serious as I looked out of my window and witnessed the boys brutally attacking two Canada geese that were nesting and resting through the night. I watched a rock thrown so fast and hard at a goose that she was knocked off her nest and flipped on her back.

I was outraged as I watched the situation escalate. The boys would not leave the soon-to-be parents geese alone unless I intervened. Since my window was already open, I shouted at them that I would call authorities and watched where they fled. I silently slid out of my apartment to follow them while being unseen, and tracked them to another apartment. After settling down, I reported the incident to a University Park Resident Assistant and the Director. To my amazement, the staff at University Park took the issue very seriously and immediately hunted down the two culprits of the crime. Meanwhile, the geese hid themselves by floating around the lake the whole night, leaving their eggs exposed to other night-time predators such

against Trump, but still unnecessary nonetheless.

Trump retaliated to Rosie: "If I were running The View I'd fire Rosie. I would look into that fat ugly face of hers and say Rosie, you're fired. Rosie is a person that is very lucky to have her girlfriend and she better be careful or I'll send one of my friends over to pick up her girlfriend. Why would she stay with Rosie if she had another choice?"

"I'll probably sue Rosie, because it would be fun," the Donald concluded. "I'd like to take some money out of her fat a's pockets."

Seems like they are both scumbags to me. They should both be celebrated for successful careers, but both are acting in the manner

of little children. Rosie instigated a fight, and for all reasonable purposes Trump should fight back. But revenge is an escalatory and inexcusable measure, and Trump has seemed to raise the bar of hatred in retaliation towards Rosie. To say that it would be fun to sue Rosie to see money come out of her fat pockets is a disgrace to the American legal system. But then again, business people like that can just do what they want right?

If anyone will win from this petty fight it will be Rosie. She doesn't have as much to lose as Trump. The more Trump retaliates, the more attention and notoriety she will receive. This is surely something he doesn't want.

actions. For an example, Pocomoke River has a Barred Owl that was struck by a car and had to have her left wing amputated. Another devastating example of human destruction is one of the Red-tailed Hawks lost an eye from being hit by a speeding vehicle. Nearly all of the park's animals sustain injuries that are resulted from human recklessness of being hit by cars, poisoned, or taken from the wild to be kept as pets.

Only the park's Broad-winged Hawk suffered an injury that was a natural cause. These animals can never be released back into the wild and continue with their lives independently. I would hate to see the Canada geese that live near my apartment end up at a wildlife rehabilitation center because ignorant college students find it "fun" to severely injure another animal.

I'm only asking that the members of the community and Salisbury University be aware of the violence that is happening to our wildlife and do something about it when they witness animal abuse. Many college students are stereotyped to be destructive, but there are others out there who do make a difference in protecting our wildlife. Wild animals, small or big, have the right to live and raise a family here just as we do. If geese are hissing at someone passing by, the simple solution is to walk away. Feeding the ducks is also a federal crime in this country because the food can harm the ducks and the geese who need the calcium supplement from plant life after laying eggs. Wildlife is meant to be observed and respected just as someone would treat a stranger.

I am personally affected by these incidents because I volunteer at Pocomoke River State Park, where my main job duty is to help care for injured birds and reptiles that cannot be released back into the wild. Every time I interact with those animals and see their injuries, I am instantly reminded of how destructive man can be if we are not careful with our

— Jennifer Bowman

~SUDOKU~

The Rules of Sudoku

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution. Good luck.

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Difficulty Rating: Medium

Solution to last week's puzzle:

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4	1	6	2	5	7	9	8	3
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The mid-life crisis of the EU

The 50th birthday of the European Union, born in Rome in March 1957 as the European Economic Community or Common Market -- of Germany, France, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg -- was a pallid affair.

Understandably so. For though the EU has expanded to embrace 27 nations and boasts an economy equal to that of the United States, it is like a man well into middle-age whose career accomplishments are behind him.

The EU birthday party was further proof, were any needed, that no transnational institution can elicit the love and loyalty of a country. World Government is a vision of elites no patriot will ever embrace. Men have died in the millions for Poland, France, Italy, England and Germany. Who would walk through fire for the European Union?

The EU's champions claim its great achievement is to have kept the peace of Europe. "Sixty years of peace means that the image of the EU as a bastion against war is losing its resonance," said Jose Manuel Barroso, head of the European Commission, the executive arm that sits in Brussels.

Intending no disrespect to Barroso, it was not the EU that kept Europe secure and at peace. America kept the Red Army from the Elbe and the Rhine. America saved Western Europe from the fate of the Hungarians in 1956, the Czechs in 1968 and the Poles

in 1981. America pulled the British and French chestnuts out of the Balkan fires of the 1990s.

German-French amity is a product of statesmanship, but also of the defeat of France in 1940 and the reduction of Germany to rubble by the American, British and Soviet armies in 1944-1945.

The 50th anniversary of the EU brought to the fore as many questions as telegrams of congratulations. Quo vadis? Where is Europe going?

Other than commerce, what is the EU all about? Why is Europe so strategically impotent? What happened to the continent that was the cockpit of history?

According to a poll published by The Washington Times, not half the citizens of its 27 member states think positively of the EU. Only 28 percent of Brits think well of it. Only a third believes EU membership is good for Great Britain.

After a committee led by ex-President Giscard d'Estaing of France wrote a constitution, setting the EU on course toward a "United States of Europe," France and Holland voted it down. Resentment of the "faceless bureaucrats of Brussels," where the European Commission sits, is rampant.

As the votes in Holland and France show, nationalism is tearing at the aging fabric of European unity. Nor is the EU deeply democratic. Giscard is demanding another vote because, as he says, the French "got it wrong." They

must vote again and again, 'til they get it right. This is the soft tyranny of an elite that knows better than the people what is best for the people.

Many in Europe oppose plans to bring in new members, especially Turkey, an Islamic nation of 70 million, which will soon be more populous than Germany. This raises another issue.

Not one member of the EU has a birthrate among its native born to enable it to survive in its present form.

Europe's welfare states are failing to produce the babies to replace the aging and shrinking population. Thus, virtually all the nations of Western Europe are undergoing invasions -- from the Mahgreb, Middle East, South Asia or sub-Saharan Africa.

Yet, asked if they agree that "immigrants contribute a lot to my country," only 40 percent of EU citizens said, "Yes." Hostility to immigration is strongest in Eastern Europe. Not one in five Hungarians, Czechs, Estonians, Latvians or Slovaks thinks immigration is good for their country. They want to remain who they are, and their country to remain what it has been.

When Chancellor Angela Merkel, hostess of the party, drafted a "birthday card," the Berlin Declaration, even that created dissonance and division.

Some nations objected to any mention of the new constitution. Vaclav Havel of the Czech

Republic called the declaration "Orwellian Eurospeak." Poland objected to the failure to mention Christianity as birth mother of Europe. Pope Benedict XVI called the failure to credit Christianity an act of "apostasy." The Christophoric French elite got their way again.

What the malaise of the EU tells us is what patriots have already known. Democracy and free markets are not enough. Dry documents, no matter how eloquent, abstract ideas, no matter how beautiful, do not a nation make. What makes a people and a nation is a unique history and heritage, language and literature, songs and stories, traditions and customs, blood, soil and the mystic chords of memory.

The EU is a thing of paper, an intellectual construct. Unlike a nation, it has no heart and no soul. And if and when it passes into history because of some irreconcilable dispute, many may regret it. Few will weep.

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— Patrick J. Buchanan

OUT of the suggestion BOX

This column is based on the comments and concerns of students, faculty, and staff via the suggestion boxes placed around SU's campus. The President's Office seeks responses to the issues raised from appropriate campus personnel. Not everything can be fixed, but a reasoned explanation can be offered. Keep those suggestions coming!

From the Suggestion Box in Guerrieri University Center:

1. "The ping pong table is broken."
2. "Can you please put towel dispensers in the men's restroom?"
3. "Have a TV in the info desk room."

Lawanda Dockins-Gordy, Director of New Student Experiences, responded:

1. A new ping pong table has been ordered and will be part of the lounge redesign.
2. The Guerrieri Center was made aware of the desire for a towel dispenser to be placed in the men's restroom, and it has been ordered. In the interim a basket containing paper towels have been placed in each of the men's restrooms.
3. Thanks for the idea! We will explore possibility.

Also from the Suggestion Box in the Guerrieri University Center:

"The Guerrieri Center needs new pool tables, sticks and balls. Also, the Pub needs to be reopened."

Lawanda Dockins-Gordy, Director of New Student Experiences, responded:

An additional table along with billiards equipment has been ordered and will be part of the lounge redesign.

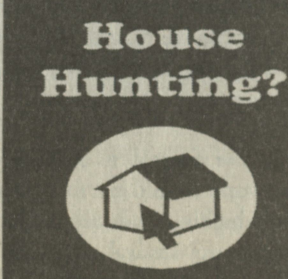
Paul Land, Director of Auxiliary Services, also responded:

The Pub is currently open to the public. It is primarily used for students who want to watch TV while they eat; or if someone is having a lunch meeting, it is a quiet place in the Gull's Nest. We have plans for the Pub, but more than likely it will not include alcohol.

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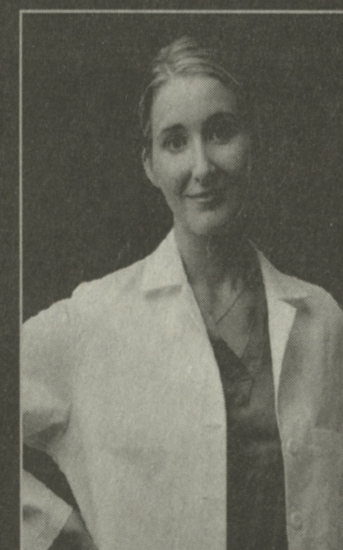


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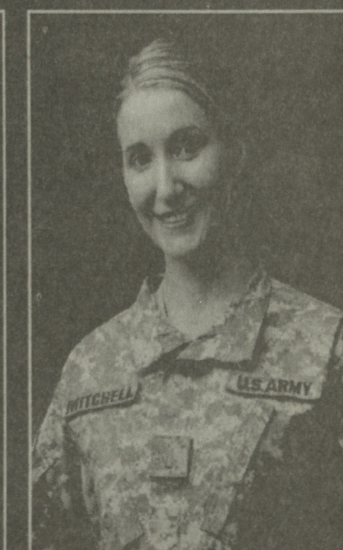
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Ballroom Dancing club waltzes onto SU scene

By Leah Reppert
Staff Writer

Ballroom Dancing has been around for centuries and is considered traditional in many aspects. With the many dances from many different eras, it is notoriously known for the Swing and the Tango craze during the 1920's.

SU has started the Ballroom Dancing Club for all students who are interested in learning Ballroom dances or who are interested in just having a good time. The Ballroom Dancing Club will be held in the Scarborough Leadership hall and in the Wicomico Room throughout the week. It will begin in the evenings, with times varying around 6 to 7 p.m. and will last

about two hours. For all interested students, classes are free of cost. For all interested faculty and staff, there will only be a one dollar fee.

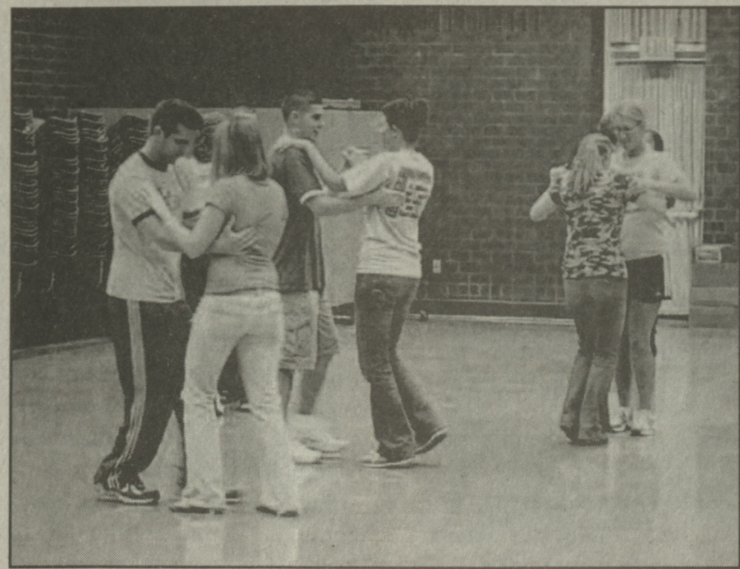
The dances being taught are: the Cha Cha, the Samba, the Tango, the Rumba, the Viennese Waltz, the English Waltz and Swing.

Tara Lowney, who is a professional dancer, will be the main dance instructor for the sessions. The president of the Ballroom Dancing club, Rusi Karabaliyev, who has been dancing for four months, will also be there to help students and faculty. "Dancing is the best way for students to interact with each other and to just relax," said Karabaliyev.

The advisor of the Ballroom Dancing club, Dolores Karamian,

who is in correlation with the USA Ballroom Dance Chapter in Salisbury, hopes the SU community will enjoy the dancing as well. "I hope everyone will just enjoy the youthfulness of dancing, learn the mathematical dance coordination and just have a fun time with it," said Karamian. "It's just a healthy and social experience for people and something new to learn."

Since its opening, the Ballroom Dance club has been bringing the SU community in by the dozens. With its success, there will be a continuation next year. There are also plans to bring in a broader style of Ballroom Dancing, with more international dances. For more information, please go to <http://orgs.salisbury.edu/ballroom>.



Natalie Beck photo

Students and faculty practice their Salsa moves at ballroom dancing practice in the Wicomico Room.

D.C. celebrates annual Cherry Blossom Festival

By Lindsey Dickinson
Staff Writer

The annual festival brings in around 1 million visitors every year as well as \$150 million in tourism revenue.

Along with the festival, D.C. will be treated to over 150 daily cultural performances by local, national and international entertainers. There are bike tours, art exhibits, fireworks, concerts, sports competitions and many other exciting events celebrating spring. Many of these activities are free to the public, but some require purchased tickets. You can find a complete listing of events at www.nationalcherryblossomfestival.org.

"The plantings of the cherry blossom trees originated as a gift in 1912 from the people of Japan to the United States as a gesture of friendship and goodwill," said the NCBF website. "It is an annual celebration of the gift of the cherry blossom trees and their symbol of enduring friendship between the citizens of Japan and the United States."

Contact the National Cherry Blossom festival at (202)-661-7584.



The Washington Monument is pictured behind a row of Cherry Blossom trees in Washington, D.C. The annual Cherry Blossom Festival runs through April 15.

SU hosts 6th annual Relay for Life

By Samantha Schlepner
Staff Writer

For the past six years, Relay for Life at Salisbury University has been one of the most popular and rewarding events of the year. Every spring, hundreds of students, faculty and community members come together to support one cause: putting an end to cancer.

Although these events have been held all over the country since 1985, Salisbury's relay is only a six-year-old event.

Last year's program had 102 teams and more than 1,000 participants, which resulted in the 2006 Relay being awarded the top college event in all of the South Atlantic Division; which includes colleges from Md., Va., W. Va., NC, SC and Ga.. Last year, SU raised over \$130,000 to go toward cancer research, education, advocacy and service through Relay for Life.

This year's committee hopes to raise more money than last year and hopes to make the event larger in terms of participation and getting the community involved. So far, the 2007 relay has 86 teams and 768 participants and has raised \$34,444.

The committee would like to encourage everyone to come out and be a part of this year's event. If you don't have a team, there are plenty of teams accepting new people and useful information, as well.

This year's event adopted a new multicultural theme that will be shown through everyone's fundraiser. The goal of Relay this year is to show the diversity in the event. Teams choose a particular heritage or country to model and have their fundraiser revolve around that.

But in all of the fun and excitement that is Relay, it is important to remember what it's for: the support of those who have or have had cancer and/or to remember those who have passed away from cancer. Relay dedicates a specific lap during the event to recognize survivors.

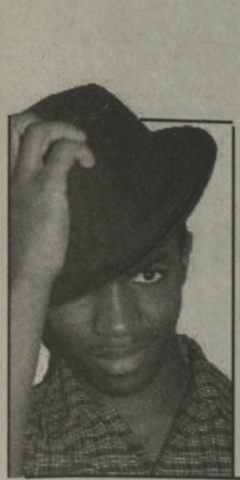
Sophomore Jessica Schremp is a cancer survivor of 14 years. At age five, she was diagnosed with Rhabdomyosarcoma, a fast-growing and highly malignant tumor that occurs in children's soft tissue sarcoma. She went through chemotherapy and several reconstructive surgeries to help fix the radiation effects on her face. She believes that her cancer has taught her to have a better outlook on life and to not sweat the small stuff. She claims her favorite part of Relay is the fact that "we're all the same but we're all different, and we all come out to help the cause."

Junior Justin McIlton will also be walking in the Survivor's Lap, and is also the Co-Chair of Relay at SU. He was diagnosed with Aplastic Anemia at age 15 and LGL Leukemia at age 19. He received a bone marrow transplant from his sister and chemotherapy as treatment. Today, he only has to go to checkups and is as healthy as they come. "The fact that people who don't really know each other come together in support of one cause is really what Relay is all about. It's about putting an end to cancer," he said.

Unfortunately, cancer has affected almost every one, either directly or indirectly. Salisbury University has a Relay for Life each year to help end this epidemic and to allow students, faculty and community to come together to make a difference.

Relay for Life will be held on May 4 at 7 p.m. at the intramural fields. Visit the event Web site at: <http://www.acevents.org/fall/raspt> 3&t=190204.

Relay for Life would also like to invite the student body to the Relay for Life Bistro Dinner held Wednesday, April 11, from 5 to 7 p.m., and to come out to the team captain meeting in Scarborough Leadership House at 7:15 p.m. to get involved! There is still time for you to help out.



Mr. Advice

Mr. Advice answers all your questions, even private ones, in complete confidentiality. Send your questions to: kb04128@students.salisbury.edu
Don't be shy, ask anything!

Can I ask you why it always seems like the ladies are trying to talk to me when I'm on the job? But when I go to class, a party, or just roaming on campus none of this happens. I am a very approachable kind of guy and I think I'm pretty easy to get a long with. So why is it always my job? I mean, I'm on the job and I can't just get up and leave. I don't even know if it's appropriate for business!

Well, I could tell you that if that's the case, you must be bringing in business for your company if it keeps happening! I'm sure you can always ask your manager if it's appropriate or not. To answer your question though, the atmosphere of a store and that of a class, party, or just in passing is different. To you it may seem that you are easy to talk to no matter where you go; but it may not be the case if someone doesn't know that but wants to talk to you. If they do see you on campus but try to catch your attention at work, their fear may decrease because they know they can at least strike up a conversation about whatever products are at your job. It's an effective way to break the ice when trying to talk to someone because they're getting help from the employee first and then they can attempt to move in from there. But imagine them trying to do that on the street. Yeah, I'm sure any guy would like a girl to just come up to them and say "date me," but chances are slim and I'm not sure how many people would take that risk without thinking that is weird. A party or a classroom is a little different but there are simple ways to start conversations in those environments, too. No one said you had to leave your job for a girl; but that doesn't mean she can't slip you her number! So don't take it as a bad thing if they approach you at your job. They are interested and you can feel confident!

The one hard thing about dating someone for a long time is that you grow attached to them. I've dated my current boyfriend for almost two years now, but we're in different locations now for a couple months and it has been hard. I feel like I'm losing that person, but he says just the opposite. I just need him around me because I love him. I just don't understand how he can be okay. I mean, he is in a graduate program at a different college. Should I be worried? I don't know where we're going with this relationship and I need help because I feel as though we aren't the same as we used to be.

Well, first we'll start with him. The reason why he might be okay is because he knows there isn't anything else he wants besides you. Just because he said he's okay doesn't mean he wouldn't rather have you close by. I'm sure he cares for you, but he can't stop his entire life for you and you shouldn't do that either. If we take a moment to realize what he is doing rather than what he isn't, maybe the situation wouldn't be so negative. What he is not trying to do is neglect you. It sounds like because he is in a graduate program he may have limited time to talk, so it's understandable if you feel that a little but don't take it as if he is trying to do such a thing. What he is trying to do is better himself maybe not just for him, but for when he gets a wife and family. Knowing that he can support a family on his own is a very remarkable feeling and it lets him know that he can be relied on. Maybe as he is gaining experience, you can better yourself as well. Now, the question is, are you willing to work it out? Distance is hard, but it doesn't have to end the relationship. Distance is only an obstacle, so if you want to make it work and if he does as well, there shouldn't be any problem with the distance. Now, if you aren't capable of doing the distance, don't feel like the worst person in the world. What you should not do is suffer if you cannot handle it or make him suffer for it. Sometimes, parting as friends for this stage in life isn't a bad thing. No one said you two were not going to get back together later, but those chances get narrower the more sour the relationship gets. It is critical that you both have your input on what is to happen because it is a relationship. You have to be direct with him and yourself if you are to make it work or handle the situation in the best possible way.

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Idol showcases student talent

By Amanda Hailey
Staff Writer

"In the foreground of a stage ablaze with bright lights, a jumbo screen and three lively judges, contestants at this year's Salisbury Idol belted out a variety of songs; each with hopes of becoming the winner.

The third annual Salisbury Idol, hosted by S.O.A.P. and emceed by the head of Rec. and Travel Alicia Mazurkevich, was held in Holloway Hall last Thursday night. The nine contestants: Jessica McGinty, Alex Williams, Lydia Smith, Tamika Hall, Dan Ridgeway, Jarrell Chandler, Celina Ryan, Rachel Barrett and Lindsay Owen; performed songs ranging from country to R&B to classics like Tom Jones' "It's Not Unusual."

The audience was agog with excitement for their revered contestants. Spectators cheered, clapped and cheered for their favorite performers; in some cases even helping a favored candidate by singing along. The crowd of fans would loudly jeer any comments they didn't like from the Idol

judges. Judges: Steve Obert, Ann Obert and Becky Kjaerbye; had a difficult time narrowing down the nine contestants to five for the second round. The five lively singers who glided into the second round of judging were: Lydia Smith, who delighted the crowd with her husky performance of Janis Joplin's "Me and Bobby McGee"; Alex Williams, who deeply vocalized Trace Adkins' "Every Light in the House is On"; Celina Ryan, who serenaded the judges and audience with Bryan Adams' "Everything I Do I Do It For You"; Jarrell Chandler, who softly crooned Mario's "Just a Friend"; and Rachel Barrett, who sassily sang Gloria Gaynor's "I Will Survive."

The five remaining singers each gave stellar performances in their hopes of seducing the audience and judges for the first, second and third place positions. In the end, three energetic performances secured the top positions.

Freshman Rachel Barrett was the first place winner of \$300 for her performance of Martina McBride's "Concrete Angel."

Barrett said the song makes her cry. Of her choice for singing the hip-shaking song, "I Will Survive," Barrett said, "I just love that song and it's always the one me and my friends jam out to in the car."

Junior Lydia Smith, who warbled Bob Marley's "No Woman, No Cry," was awarded the second place position and \$150. "I like to go with the old classics; songs that are going to be here forever," she said.

Senior Celina Ryan won third place and \$50 after performing Michelle Branch's "All You Wanted." Ryan said "All You Wanted" was a fun song to perform. "Everything I Do, I Do It For You is my favorite," she said. "I'm passionate about that song."

In addition to the contestant's performances, last year's Salisbury Idol winner, Elizabeth Chamberlain, delighted the audience with her rendition of Sara McLaughlin's "In the Arms of the Angel."

Congratulations to all the performers of Thursday's Salisbury Idol, who each gave enthusiastic performances and delighted the audience!

SAE holds Magazines 4 Morale

By Diana Westenberger
Staff Writer

There is finally a way for students at SU to give back to the deployed troops in Iraq. Magazines 4 Morale was started by Eric Buhlman, a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. The program is designed to collect different types of media around campus to send to the troops.

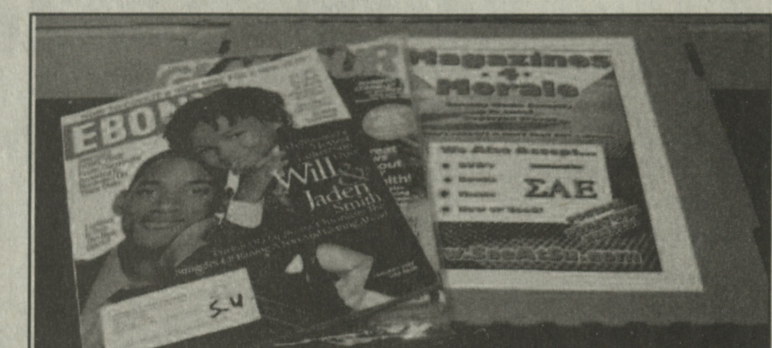
"I created Magazines 4 Morale in an effort to do something new and truly effective for SAE's community service," said Buhlman.

The program will resemble the Toys for Tots program; collecting items in different spots around campus. New or used books, movies, magazines, and letters of thanks are some of the items SAE is looking to collect.

According to Buhlman, it is important to SAE that something is done so students are able to show their appreciation to the troops. Support for troops is often displayed in the form verbal pronouncements without much action being taken. SAE wants to back up their words by starting Magazines 4 Morale to demonstrate their appreciation of the soldiers.

Many other collections for the troops ask for basic staples such as soap, food and clothing, but SAE is collecting different types of media in an understanding that soldiers need some sense of entertainment.

"My brother served in Iraq twice and what he and others wanted



Sarah Wright photo

Red bins are set up around campus so that students may contribute media of any medium to be sent to troops overseas.

most was entertainment," said Buhlman.

Currently, SAE has 15 collection bins around campus. Each dorm is equipped with a bin that can be found in RA offices. The library, bookstore and student activities center are also homes to collection bins.

SAE would eventually like to expand Magazines 4 Morale outside of the SU campus to local Salisbury businesses. They are also hoping that education majors who are student teaching will get their students involved by writing letters of thanks to add to the packages.

Many people think the life of a soldier is a constant moving one

with no down time at all. In actuality, soldiers have time to take a break and need something to help pass this difficult time. Any types of entertainment donations will be greatly appreciated by the men in SAE and especially by the troops.

Donations for postage on the packages are also strongly encouraged and appreciated.

SAE would like to get SU students as involved and as passionate about the program as they are. "With the help of SU students," said Buhlman, "we will raise more than just magazines. We will raise morale."

ZTA, Men's LAX team up to fight breast cancer

By Lindsey VanCoutren
Staff Writer

Countless individuals are directly affected by the breast cancer, while others know someone touched by this cancer.

Zeta Tau Alpha raises money every year for breast cancer awareness and education. Many are familiar with their fall fundraiser Mr. Zeta, but this spring they decided to enlist the help of the SU Men's Lacrosse team to help raise money for the cause.

"Face Off for a Cure" is the headline for this semester's fundraiser and many have seen the flyers around campus promoting the t-shirt sales. Maroon shirts were sold at the boy's last two home games, as well as in the Commons.

To help support their last home game for the semester, Zeta has promoted Wednesday's game as a "maroon out."

"It's important to collaborate with other organizations," said SU Athletic Director Dr. Michael Vienna. "We all need to work together and the proceeds from this event are going to an important cause."

The March 31 lacrosse game was the first time Zeta came out in full force to promote for the big game on Wednesday. In the first two hours, Zeta sold over \$500 in shirts. With every shirt someone buys, they are entered in a raffle for prizes that will be distributed during half time at Wednesday's game. Shirts are \$4 for students and \$6 for everyone else.

"This year, instead of having bake sales throughout the whole semester, we wanted to do something bigger," said Zeta fundraising chair Jennifer Pratt. "We thought teaming up with lacrosse would get a bigger crowd involved in such a great cause."

Local businesses have also joined in by donating gift certificates. These gift certificates are going to be the prizes given out at Wednesday's game. "With this fundraiser we have been able to give so much more to breast cancer, and I feel we are making an even bigger impact on the women and men who need it," said Zeta President Kori Parker.

Be sure to come out to the last lacrosse home game Wednesday at 4 p.m., and support our three time National Champions, and also breast cancer awareness and education. Don't forget to wear your maroon!

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Titus scores seven, Gulls defeat Eagles

Megan Armor
Staff Writer

Greg Titus had a career high game scoring nine-points to lead the Gulls offense against conference opponent University of Mary Washington as the top-ranked Salisbury Sea Gulls went on to win 17-3.

Titus (seven goals, two assists) accounted for four of the first five Salisbury (12-0 CAC 6-0) goals, extending the Sea Gulls winning streak to 59 straight regular-season contests and 53 straight victories at home. With his outstanding day Titus and junior Matt Hickman are now tied for the team lead in points with 53 each, Hickman scored three goals and also had two assists on the day. The only other player with multiple goals was senior attackman Eric Bishop who netted three tallies for the Gulls.

The Eagles' Scott Fletcher finally got the UMW on the board with eight minutes remaining in the first half to cut Salisbury's advantage to 5-1. However Bishop, Hickman, and Titus combined to close out the quarter sending SU into the half leading 8-1.

The second half was more of the same from the Gulls as they came out and scored the first five goals in less than eight minutes to take a 13-1 lead. Fletcher was the only offense the Eagles could muster as he scored at the 4:42 mark in the third quarter and again with 11:26 left in the match.

The fourth quarter brought many Salisbury substitutions with Mike Von Kamecke, Matt Berry and Greg Baggan each contributing a goal a



Natalie Beck photo

Ryan DeRose faces off to win the first possession after a Sea Gull goal.

piece. Salisbury forced 37 Eagle turnovers compared to their 27. SU senior goalie Max Zarchin (12-0) recorded six saves in the victory as he patrolled the pipes for the first three quarters. Salisbury outshot Mary Washington 37-17 and scooped up 46 ground balls. The Gulls were very efficient on offense assisting on 13 of their 17 goals on the day. The Sea Gulls domination led to a 17-3 victory. Salisbury faces Villa Julie, Wednesday at Sea Gull stadium. A win will bring them to an astounding 60 consecutive regular-season wins.



Natalie Beck photo

Matt Dasinger drives towards the goal to take a shot.

I hate Peter Angelos

By Shawn Nisson
Sports Editor

It's true, I do, and believe me it's easy to. The Orioles haven't had a winning season since 1997, as year after year they field a less than mediocre team at best. And ever since Cal retired there hasn't even been a reason to watch.

But before I launch into a full blown tirade I have to make amends. Four weeks ago before March Madness kicked off, in this very column I predicted that Florida would beat Ohio State in the championship game 82-76. I'm sorry. I was wrong Florida beat Ohio State 84-75. I apologize for being three total points off the score that I predicted three weeks before it happened. All sarcasm aside sorry for the gloating, but I mean, come on, three points off—I get to gloat a little.

So anyways back to one of, if not the worst owner in sports. Over the past ten years the Orioles best record was 79-83 which was back in '98, they finished at 78-84 twice in '99 and '05 and have finished fourth or fifth in their division nine times. Since Davey Johnson led the O's to a division championship in 1997 the team is on it's fourth different skipper.

The Orioles have signed one legitimate top-tier free agent, Miguel Tejada, in the past 10 seasons while year after year the Yanks and Sox reload with hired guns. Baltimore hasn't had a legitimate staff ace since Mike Mussina left for the aforementioned greener pastures of the "House that Ruth Built" in New York. And this brings me back to Angelos. He

claims to want a winner, yet at every turn Peter lets Orioles fans down.

Before the Nationals came to Washington, Angelos watered down his product in an attempt to claim that a new player in the market would kill his "beloved" Orioles. Hoping that sliding ticket sales along with his relationship with commissioner Bud Selig would keep the Natty's from moving-in less than 40 miles away. Once operation "suck-it-up" failed Angelos resorted to keeping Washington off of TV in a nasty battle for exclusive rights, which ended in the creation of the Mid-Atlantic Sports Network (MASN.)

But here is why I really hate Peter Angelos. He's changed my allegiance; he has turned me off so much to the Orioles that I want to be a Nationals fan with all of my heart. Hell, I wear my green Natties hat every day, but that doesn't make me a fan. Ask me who's next on the Nationals schedule and I probably won't know, ask me the same quandary about the O's and begrudgingly I'll most likely give you the answer. I know who bats in the eighth spot for the Orioles, but for the Nationals it's a different story; I'd have no clue. It's so painful to root for a losing franchise with a nincompoop as an owner. I refuse to support the O's financially, instead giving my money to the turnstiles at RFK. However, that all feels insignificant compared to the suffering he has caused to the region's baseball fans leaving us without a product were proud to support.

Go Gulls

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SOFTBALL

The Salisbury University softball team opened up Capital Athletic Conference competition with a double-header sweep of Catholic University, 4-0 and 9-3. Salisbury (18-6 CAC 2-0) has now won three-straight games and collected victories in 12 of their last 14 games. Stacey Davis dominated in game one scattering four hits over seven innings while striking out six and blanking the Cardinals to record her sixth win of the season. The Gulls managed only six hits in the first half of the double header, but one run in the top of the first, two more in the fourth and an insurance run in fifth were more than plenty for Davis.

In game two, Catholic (11-15 CAC 4-4) scored two runs in their first at-bat to jump out to an early lead but the Gulls battled back scoring five runs over the next two innings. Kelly Waskewicz, Jen Cahall and Kurisha Hoffman all went yard for the Gulls helping to salt away the victory for the Gulls as they would score four more runs in the fifth and sixth inning. Junior Kirsten Wells threw a complete game allowing three runs on 10 hits while striking out three Cardinals to record her 10th win of the year.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

The No. 3 Salisbury University women's lacrosse team put forth a strong effort to defeat the No. 18 Bears of Ursinus College 15-5. This was the Gulls first match after suffering a heart wrenching loss to No. 5 Franklin and Marshall last week.

Salisbury (11-1) was led by their starting attack line which accounted for 10 of the Gulls' 15 tallies. Senior Stephanie Shores had a game-high four goals while senior Natalie Degele and junior Sue Ackermann each had five points on three goals and two assists. Ackermann must have been anxious to end her two-game scoring

drought as she deposited the games first goal in the back of the net inside the opening two minutes of play. Degele followed six minutes later with a tally of her own, while Ackermann scored her second goal of the day at 21:44 mark. Ursinus's Jenna Werley got the Bears on the board with 20 minutes to go in the first half cutting Salisbury's advantage to 3-1. The Gulls would pull away however netting six of the next eight goals to go into half with a 9-3 lead.

The Bears' Kaitlin Glenn scored the opening goal of the second half to give Ursinus (6-3) a glimmer of hope, however the Gulls slammed the proverbial door shut scoring four consecutive goals to put the game well out of reach

TENNIS

The Salisbury University tennis team had an incredibly productive trip out to Frederick, Maryland as both the men's and women's sides swept the Blazers of Hood College. On the women's side the Gulls won 72-0f-74 singles sets as the top two singles players, Anna Marie Kable and Hannah Parsons, along with the No. 5 and No. 6 singles players, Jackie Burr and Robyn Wendell all blanked their opponents sweeping them in straight sets. In the doubles matches Salisbury's (8-5 CAC 4-0) Kable and Burr took down Hood's top doubles pair 8-1, while the tandem of Kelly Fahrner and Rachel Iosue and the pairing of Kristen King and Lauren Bakker took their matches 8-2 and 8-1 respectively. The Gulls have now won four of their last five matches.

Even though the men's team was without the service of their top two singles players the Gulls cruised to an easy 9-0 victory over Hood. Without sophomore Matt Nicholson and junior Brendan Kincaid, Salisbury (12-3 CAC 4-1) turned to freshmen Scott Burtzlauff and

Evan Thomas who won their singles matches in straight sets. Junior Dean Sonetrot, sophomores Sasha Felikson and Chris Haines along with freshman Jason Williams all won their singles matches.

BASEBALL

The No. 8 Salisbury University baseball team was defeated by Capital Athletic Conference rival York College on the road 3-1 in a rematch of the 2006 CAC championship game, ending the Gulls six game winning streak. Salisbury now drops to 22-4 on the year and 5-2 within the conference, it's their first CAC loss since March 14 when they lost 5-1 to Catholic University. Spartan starting pitcher Tim Frisch (4-0) went eight innings giving up only one earned run on seven hits while striking out four Gull batters in the process. Salisbury's Ryan Bennick (6-1) tasted defeat for the first time this season as he allowed three runs, two earned, striking out seven Spartan's in six innings of work. York was first to get on the scoreboard as catcher Mike Santoro singled home freshman Anthony Anzalone. York's shortstop Jeff Young added another run in the third as he took Bennick deep, giving the Spartan's a 2-0 advantage. SU got on the board in the seventh inning after senior Andrew Jensen doubled in junior Brian Camper to slice the lead in half. However York answered, scoring another run in the bottom half of the inning to round out the scoring at 3-1.

MEN'S LACROSSE

The No. 6 Lynchburg Hornets were able to match the top-ranked Salisbury University men's lacrosse team for almost the entire first half, the Hornets even lead after the first quarter, however it was the Gulls domination in the second half that led them to a 15-5 victory. The Hornets scored the games first three goals of

the game and held a 4-1 advantage with 1:44 to play in the opening stanza. But SU (13-0) netted the games next 10 goals to put the game away, as the Gulls outscored the Lynchburg 14-1 in the final 46 minutes of the contest. The win is the 60th straight regular season victory and increases Salisbury's series advantage against the Hornets to 13-1. Greg Titus led all scorers with four goals in the game, Titus has a team high 46 goals and 57 points. Senior Brett Yoder contributed with two goals and four assists, while Sophomore Kylor Berkman had three goals and one assist. SU faceoff specialist Ryan DeRose dominated winning 16-of-17 for the Gulls. Lynchburg is one of the two teams to beat Salisbury over the past five seasons. The Gulls are 92-3 in five seasons of play and 82-1 since a 13-12 loss to the Hornets back on April 10, 2003. Salisbury has faced three ranked teams, in the top six in the country so far this season, and have outscored those teams by an incredible 53-15 margin. The Gulls will take on No. 16 Villa Julie College at 4 pm on April 11, for first place in the CAC as both teams are undefeated in conference competition.

SNOW AND POSTPONEMENTS

Last Saturday a whole slate of games were supposed to be hosted by Salisbury University teams, however Mother Nature had another idea. As an early April snowstorm covered the athletic fields and most of the Delmarva peninsula, the No. 3 women's lacrosse team was unable to face off against CAC foe St. Mary's College. The game has been rescheduled for Thursday at 4:30 p.m. The No. 8 baseball team made up their home game against York College and fell 3-1 on Easter Sunday.

SALISBURY SPORTS CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	■ 3 p.m. - Softball vs. Gallaudet	■ 3 p.m. - Baseball vs. Mary Washington ■ 3:30 p.m. - Men and Women's Tennis vs. York ■ 4 p.m. - Men's Lacrosse vs. Villa Julie	■ 3:30 p.m. - Women's Tennis vs. Chowan ■ 4:30 p.m. - Women's Lacrosse vs. St. Mary's (rescheduled from Saturday)		■ 1 p.m. - Women's Lacrosse vs. The College of New Jersey	